



**RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

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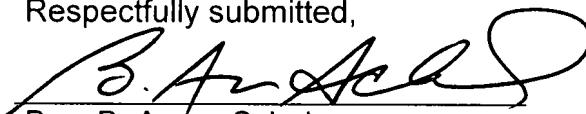
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2007, and without addressing the arguments of the Examiner as stated therein, which Applicants contest, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-9, draw to methods for identifying the simultaneous presence of each of the polymorphisms at positions 139, 744, 801 of intron 1 and position 52 of exon 2.

Examination and allowance of the above claims is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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